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EXAMINER: Bruce E. Snow
DOCKET NO.: WBC 7403US
GROUP ART UNIT: 3738
FOR: Acetabular Component With
Improved Liner Seal and Lock

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St. Louis, Missouri

**AMENDMENT B UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116
AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's action mailed November 6, 2001.

Applicant herewith submits a petition for a one (1) month's extension of time, along with
the requisite fee. Claims 1 – 5 and 7 – 12 are pending in the application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 – 5, and 7 – 9.

Please amend the claims as follow:

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10. A prosthesis comprising:

a shell having at least one screw hole formed therein and a smooth inner sealing
surface;

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a liner configured to seat within said smooth inner surface of said shell, said liner
including at least one circumferential peripheral annular seal sealingly engaging said